

**MULTIMODAL COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS  
WITH MULTIMODAL PROFILE**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A multimodal communication system and method creates and accesses a  
5 multimodal profile (114) that contains at least multimodal preference information (202),  
such as desired input modality and a desired output modality for a given multimodal  
communication session. The multimodal profile (114) may also include at least one  
identifier (204) associated with the multimodal preference information (202). A  
multimodal communication apparatus (102) includes a multimodal profile generator  
10 (110) that accesses and/or generates a multimodal profile (114). A multimodal  
communication apparatus configuration controller (112) which is operatively  
responsive to the accessed multimodal preference information (124) from a given user  
profile, configures the multimodal communication apparatus (102) and/or a network  
element for the multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal  
15 preference information (124) in the multimodal profile.